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**TO:** Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
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**FROM:** Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A NO-COST EXTENSION FROM KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS**

This is to advise your Board that the Department of Health Services (DHS) has exercised its delegated authority, approved on March 30, 2010 (attached), which allows the Director of Health Services, or his authorized designee, to accept an additional no-cost extension from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Southern California Region (Kaiser) for the Oral Health Program, Grant Number 20607445. This program provides dental services to children in the child welfare system served by the Department of Health Services Hub Clinics at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (Harbor-UCLA) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MLK-MACC).

The no-cost extension is necessary due to the delays in the ability to hire the required specialized staff which resulted in program funds not being expended as originally projected. As of January 2011, the project was fully staffed, and the funds will be fully expended by October 1, 2011. Kaiser approved the no-cost extension to extend the Oral Health Program Grant for MLK-MACC and Harbor-UCLA from its current term of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011, for six (6) additional months through September 30, 2011.

County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office reviewed and approved the no-cost extension from Kaiser.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

**c:** Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors



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March 30, 2010

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County of Los Angeles  
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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# 31 of MAR 30 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION TO THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM  
GRANT FROM KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA REGION  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2 and 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval of a one-year no-cost extension of an Agreement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for an Oral Health Program at Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center for the Department of Health Services.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, (Interim Director) to accept the attached No-Cost Extension Approval for Grant Number 20607445 from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Southern California Region (Kaiser), extending the Agreement for an Oral Health Program at Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MLK-MACC) and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (Harbor-UCLA) from its current term of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010, for one additional year through March 31, 2011.
- ✓ 2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director, or his designee, to accept an additional no-cost extension from Kaiser, not to exceed an additional one year period, through March 31, 2012, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notice to your Board.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Interim Director, or his designee, to accept the attached No-Cost Extension Approval for Grant Number 20607445 from Kaiser extending the Agreement for an Oral Health Program at MLK-MACC and Harbor-UCLA from its current term of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010, for one additional year through March 31, 2011. Delays in the ability to hire the required specialized staff resulted in program funds not being expended as originally projected. This recommendation will allow the Department to complete hiring staff and provide the full range of services as designed.

Approval of the second recommendation will allow the Interim Director, or his designee, to accept an additional no-cost extension from Kaiser, not to exceed an additional one year period, subject to review and approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office, and notice to your Board. This recommendation will be used to ensure all grant funds are expended and services are rendered to the maximum extent possible should any funds remain unspent at the end of the contract term.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no net County cost associated with the grant. Expenses are 100% offset by the grant funds.

The grant from Kaiser is being used as start-up funds to allow for the hiring of additional staff and expansion of clinic appointments for the children referred by the Medical Hubs. Due to hiring delays the grant funds will not be fully expended by March 31, 2010. As of January 2010, \$33,601 has been expended and \$266,399 is the remaining grant funds available.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On December 5, 2008, Kaiser informed the Department of Health Services (DHS) that it was awarding DHS a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to expand dental services provided by the Harbor-UCLA Dental Division at both MLK-MACC and Harbor-UCLA, to serve children referred from the Medical Hub clinics located on those campuses. The Medical Hub clinics provide health services to children referred by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The original grant period was effective April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. The no-cost extension will extend the grant term through March 31, 2011.

On March 3, 2009, your Board accepted Grant Number 20607445 from Kaiser in the amount of \$300,000.

The grant funded project aims to provide comprehensive dental services for children entering the child welfare system who are receiving medical care at the MLK-MACC and Harbor-UCLA Medical Hubs. Grant funds are being used to hire additional dental staff to enable the Harbor-UCLA Dental Division to provide dedicated services for the target population at both the MLK-MACC and Harbor-

UCLA sites. Services are provided on the MLK-MACC and Harbor-UCLA campuses using existing dental clinic space and equipment, and include comprehensive dental examinations and consultation, treatment of dental disease, preventive care, and ongoing education and dental health maintenance.

The original term of the Kaiser grant was April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. Significant delays in hiring project staff have resulted in unexpected savings during this period and a slower start-up of services than projected. The project's two full-time Dental Assistants were hired in August and September 2009. A full-time Dental Specialist could not be identified; however a part-time Dental Specialist was hired in January 2010. Hiring of a full-time Dental Hygienist has been delayed because there was no active eligibility list, and a new Civil Service examination needed to be opened. Recruitment for this position has been initiated and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. DHS anticipates that this position will be filled by May 2010.

A request was submitted to Kaiser on February 17, 2010, for a no-cost extension to allow DHS additional time to expend the grant funds and meet project objectives. The no-cost extension will extend the project one additional year through March 31, 2011.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DHS additional time to fully expend Kaiser grant funds for the provision of dental services to children served by the Medical Hubs.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
3/30/2010  
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Schunhoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent and the last name "Schunhoff" following in a similar style.

JOHN F. SCHUNHOFF, Ph.D.  
Interim Director

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Enclosures

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